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LAYER STRUCTURES.

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

The following is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 14, 2006.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Applicants affirm election of Group II including claims 8, through 23 of the present invention. Claims 1 – 7 have been cancelled thereby withdrawing them from further consideration in the present application.

PRIORITY

Please enter the certified copies of PCT/EPO3/03303, filed March 29, 2003, and DE 10214010.3, filed March 29, 2002, from which the present application claims priority. These documents are provided to fulfill the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figure 1 with the replacement figure included herein.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0069] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0069] By means of the heating device (stream of warm ~~air~~ air, infrared or ultraviolet radiation, inductive heating, etc.) the viscosity of the adhesives 5 can be decreased during the flocking process to ensure that the fibers 9 can penetrate to a sufficient extent into the adhesive layer.